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STATE FOR EUR/SOV

GENEVA FOR CSCE

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR UR

SUBJ: TRAVEL CONDITIONS FOR CORRESPONDENTS

REF: A. GENEVA 1911

B. MOSCOW 3725

C. MOSCOW 1398

1. MFA PRESS DIVISION OFFICIAL CONFIRMED MARCH 24 THAT  
MFA NOW STIPULATING THAT EXIT VISAS GIVEN FOREIGN NEWSMEN MUST BE  
USED IN WEEK FOLLOWING GRANTING (REF B, BEING REPEATED TO GENEVA).  
OFFICIAL ARGUED REGULATION LONG IN EXISTENCE SO SITUATION NOT REALLY  
CHANGED. HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY CORRESPONDENTS RECEIVED VISA GOOD FOR  
ONE EXIT AND RE-ENTRY AT ANY TIME DURING THREE-MONTH PERIOD. OFFICIAL

CLAIMED VISA APPLICANTS WHO THEN DID NOT RPT NOT TRAVEL CAUSED MUCH  
NEEDLESS WORK. BESIDES, HE PURSUED, NOBODY HAS BEEN DENIED EXIT VISA  
EVEN ON EMERGENCY BASIS. THIS TRUE, ALTHO THERE HAVE BEEN  
SEVERAL CLIFF-HANGERS OVER LAST YEAR, E.G., OBTAINING EXIT VISA FOR  
AP CORRESPONDENT WHO HAD TO DEPART SUDDENLY DURING WEEKEND BECAUSE  
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HIS MOTHER WAS ILL IN U.S. REQUIRED SPECIAL EFFORTS OF

EMBASSY AND MFA CONSULAR ADMIN, AS OVIR, WHICH ISSUES  
CORRESPONDENTS' VISAS, NORMALLY DOES NOT WORK ON WEEKEND.

2. MORE THAN ONE CORRESPONDENT HAS POINTED UP IRONY OF NEW  
APPROACH, IF NOT REGULATION, WHEN SOVIETS PUSHING FOR CSCE SUMMIT.

3. PRESS AND CULTURAL COUNSELOR CALLING ON MFA PRESS DIVISION CHIEF  
BY  
MARCH 28 FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND TO REGISTER SURPRISE AND  
REGRET AT THIS APPARENT STEP BACKWARD, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF  
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN GENEVA.

4. WE BELIEVE SOVIET REGRESSION ON ISSUANCE OF EXIT VISAS SHOULD  
BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF SOVIET CSCE DELEGATION AS A HARDLY  
ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE OF THEIR VIEWS ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR  
JOURNALIST.  
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